

# Summary of Sage Grouse Petitions Submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)<sup>1</sup>

(as of October 16, 2003)

<b>Petition Date:</b> May 14, 1999 (74 pages)	<b>Petition Date:</b> January 25, 2000 (254 pages)	<b>Petition Date:</b> December 28, 2001 (493 pages)
<b>Species:</b> Washington population of the Western Sage Grouse <i>Centrocercus urophasianus phaios</i>	<b>Species:</b> Gunnison Sage Grouse <i>Centrocercus minimus</i>	<b>Species:</b> Mono Basin population of the Greater Sage Grouse <i>Centrocercus urophasianus phaios</i>
<b>Petition Request:</b> List as threatened or endangered	<b>Petition Request:</b> List as endangered or threatened, emergency listing, and designation of critical habitat	<b>Petition Request:</b> Emergency list as endangered
<b>Petitioners:</b> Northwest Ecosystem Alliance and Biodiversity Legal Foundation	<b>Petitioners:</b> Mark Salvo, American Lands Alliance, Dr. Randy Webb, Net Work Associates, Andy Kerr, The Larch Company, Jasper Carlton, Biodiversity Legal Foundation, Susan Ash, Wild Utah Forest Campaign, Rob Edwards, Sinapu	<b>Petitioners:</b> Donald Randy Webb, Institute for Wildlife Protection
<b>Legal Action:</b> No NOI** to date	<b>Legal Action:</b> Court complaint dated September 29, 2000 from the American Lands Alliance et al. On January 31, 2003 District Court rules that the USFWS must prepare a 12-month finding. USFWS has filed a motion with the court to reconsider this decision.	<b>Legal Action:</b> A court complaint dated July 3, 2002 was received from Dr. Steven Herman and the Institute for Wildlife Protection. New NOI dated January 9, 2003 on the USFWS 90-day finding from Dr. Steven Herman and the Institute for Wildlife Protection.
<b>USFWS Determination:</b> Both a 90-day finding (August 24, 2000) and a 12-month finding (May 7, 2001) published in the <u>Federal Register</u> . Outcome was that the petition presents substantial information and listing is warranted but precluded for the Columbia Basin Distinct Population Segment (occurs in WA and n. OR); became a candidate by default under USFWS policy.	<b>USFWS Determination:</b> The species was designated as a candidate by USFWS prior to receipt of the petition. It has a listing priority number of 5.	<b>USFWS Determination:</b> Initial review indicated that the situation does not warrant an emergency listing. A 90-day finding was initiated August 1, 2002. The 90-day finding was published in the <u>Federal Register</u> December 26, 2002 with an outcome that the information presented in the petition is not substantial.
<b>Lead USFWS Office:</b> Upper Columbia Fish and Wildlife Office, Spokane, Washington (509) 891-6839	<b>Lead USFWS Office:</b> Western Colorado Field Office, Grand Junction, Colorado (970) 243-2778	<b>Lead USFWS Office:</b> Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, Reno, Nevada (775) 861-6300
<b>USFWS Contact:</b> Chris Warren	<b>USFWS Contact:</b> Terry Ireland	<b>USFWS Contact:</b> Kevin Kritz

<b>Petition Date:</b> January 24, 2002 (468 pages)	<b>Petition Date:</b> June 18, 2002 (7 pages)	<b>Petition Date:</b> July 3, 2002 (524 pages)
<b>Species:</b> Western subspecies of the Greater Sage Grouse <i>Centrocercus urophasianus phaios</i>	<b>Species:</b> Greater Sage Grouse <i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>	<b>Species:</b> Eastern subspecies of the Greater Sage Grouse <i>Centrocercus urophasianus urophasianus</i>
<b>Petition Request:</b> List the subspecies	<b>Petition Request:</b> List as endangered	<b>Petition Request:</b> List as endangered
<b>Petitioners:</b> Donald Randy Webb, Institute for Wildlife Protection	<b>Petitioners:</b> Craig Dremann	<b>Petitioners:</b> Donald Randy Webb, Institute for Wildlife Protection
<b>Legal Action:</b> Court complaint dated October 3, 2002 from the Institute for Wildlife Protection. New NOI dated February 7, 2003 from the Institute for Wildlife Protection challenging the merits of the 90-day finding.	<b>Legal Action:</b> No NOI** to date	<b>Legal Action:</b> Court complaint dated January 10, 2003 filed in the Western District Court of Washington by the Institute for Wildlife Protection for failure to do a 90-day finding. USFWS responded to the complaint but no date established yet for a finding.
<b>USFWS Determination:</b> A 90-day finding was initiated October 30, 2002. The 90-day finding was published in the <u>Federal Register</u> on February 7, 2003 with an outcome that the information presented in the petition is not substantial.	<b>USFWS Determination:</b> 90-day finding initiated on October 1, 2003 as per court order.	<b>USFWS Determination:</b> 90-day finding initiated on October 1, 2003 as per court order.
<b>Lead USFWS Office:</b> Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office, Portland, Oregon (503) 231-6179	<b>Lead USFWS Office:</b> Wyoming Ecological Services Field Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming (307) 772-2374	<b>Lead USFWS Office:</b> Wyoming Ecological Services Field Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming (307) 772-2374
<b>USFWS Contact:</b> Jeff Dillon	<b>USFWS Contact:</b> Pat Deibert	<b>USFWS Contact:</b> Pat Deibert

<b>Petition Date:</b> March 19, 2003 (992 pages; combination of previous petitions for Western and Eastern subspecies)
<b>Species:</b> Greater Sage Grouse <i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>
<b>Petition Request:</b> List as endangered
<b>Petitioners:</b> Donald Randy Webb, Institute for Wildlife Protection
<b>Legal Action:</b> No legal action to date
<b>USFWS Determination:</b> No determination yet.
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<b>USFWS Contact:</b> Pat Deibert

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